

Syrian peace plan studied by Lebanese

TRIPOLI. — Lebanon continued its return to normal yesterday, as a six-man government of Moslem and Christian leaders met under Syrian President Suleiman Frangieh to try to unite Moslem and Christian militia leaders on a Syrian plan for compromise in their struggle for power.

Syrian-Lebanese enforcer squads had north to try to curb a new wave of kidnapping and scattering, which marked the two-day-old cease-fire. A spokesman said at least seven persons from the port city of Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city, were kidnapped by Christian gunmen.

Private Moslem army leaders in Tripoli charged that Christian gunmen from the neighbouring town of Zuhairia carried out the abduction. They threatened to retaliate.

Officials say Moslem and Christian political leaders tentatively agreed on the broad lines of a Syrian plan to reestablish order on an equal basis between the two communities. "But there still some differences on details and we intend to introduce the reforms," one official said. "This will be discussed in the cabinet."

Frangieh and Karami plan a trip to Damascus later this week. They are expected to finalize the new Syrian-Lebanese accord.

The Syrians have pledged to guarantee the accord. They also reported to have worked out a 14-point draft agreement to regulate the PLO presence in Lebanon. (AP)

ERES PREDICTS:

More dangerous war in Lebanon

JERUSALEM. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres says that Lebanon's Christians and Moslems are arming heavily for new fighting which would be far more destructive than the current war.

In an interview published yesterday in the "Washington Star," Peres also said that he opposes talking to the PLO under any circumstances, and would not do so even if the tactical purpose of appearing "reasonable" in the world's eyes. "We're not a public relations company," he said. "We're a country trying to survive. We shouldn't use empty tactics that could ultimately lead to a Munich."

Regarding the situation in Lebanon, Peres said: "Both sides are

Jordanian Parliament session called today

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

JORDANIAN KING Hussein yesterday decreed the reconvening today of Parliament — composed equally of East and West Bank deputies. This decision virtually kills the 1974 Rabat summit ruling of the PLO as representing the West Bank.

The 60-member Parliament was dissolved early last year following the Rabat decision. Parliament will reconvene in an emergency session of the "National Assembly" which includes the 30-man House of Nobles (Senate), which is also composed of East and West Bank members.

Hussein's move was evidently supported by Syria and Saudi Arabia. No other Arab country, not even Egypt, had reacted by late last night, although the Jordanian monarch's move was seen bound to stir repercussions in those countries

Assad to Paris next month

PARIS. — Syrian President Hafez al-Assad is expected to pay an official visit to France next month, Elysee Palace officials said yesterday.

They said the visit, the first by a Syrian head of state to France, is tentatively set for mid-March. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing is also expected to receive Egyptian President Anwar Sadat later in March. Informal sources said the Egyptian leader, who is due to go to Italy and West Germany next month, wants to come to France between these two visits. (Reuters)

as well as in the PLO.

The move in itself signals Jordan's official comeback to the West Bank arena and restoration of a role for Amman in any future negotiations with Israel over Judea and Samaria.

Some of the PLO's leaders who are under Syria's influence were believed to have accepted Hussein's move by resigning themselves to the PLO's failure to impose itself as the immediate claimant to the West Bank. The same leaders now obviously expect Jordan to carry out the job of "recovering" the West Bank for the PLO.

In an obvious bid to avoid total conflict with the Rabat decision, Hussein yesterday said that "Jordan will continue to back the PLO on the political sphere" forcefully. He noted that he would strengthen his aid to the West Bank "until liberation is achieved."

Hussein expressed pride in the West Bank's "steadfastness and adherence to the Jordanian laws and regulations" — which Israel kept in force throughout Judea and Samaria since 1967.

Speaking at a meeting with deputies and notables, Hussein went out of his way to voice his determination to promote the current "united" movement being adopted jointly by the Jordanians and the Syrian "brotherly regions" in service of their "one nation." Damascus radio last night played up Hussein's statements. These were reported also by other Arab radios, though not by Cairo, which has conspicuously refrained from commenting on the developments announced by Hussein. (Leader — Page 8)



A Lance battery in the IDF artillery corps was inspected yesterday by Defence Minister Shimon Peres.

Lance in operation with IDF gunners

JERUSALEM. — The IDF's new Lance (ground-to-ground) missile is operational with the IDF Artillery Corps, it was revealed yesterday, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said.

Peres yesterday visited a Lance unit and watched soldiers operate the weapon. A Defence Ministry announcement said.

The U.S. agreed to sell 108 Lance missiles to Israel last January after four years of negotiations, according to foreign press reports. Eighty IDF men reportedly spent 15 weeks training in the operation of the system in the U.S. last March. The first batch of missiles was reported to have arrived in Israel towards the end of last year. The version of the missile which Israel is reported to be receiving

Quake hits Guatemala killing 600

Four countries suffer

GUATEMALA CITY. — A massive earthquake rolled through four countries in Central America early yesterday. Guatemala City was severely damaged. Unofficial and unconfirmed reports said at least 600 people were killed there and 5,000 injured.

Red Cross and fire department rescue workers pulled people from the debris of collapsed buildings which choked the streets in Guatemala City. About 10 aftershocks added to the initial panic of the first strong shock. The aftershocks tumbled already damaged walls. Rescue workers were still dragging bodies from buildings.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or serious injuries in Mexico, about 1,700 kms to the northwest, or the other countries affected by the earthquake — Honduras and El Salvador, which are southeast of Guatemala.

Huge cracks showed in Guatemala City's central communications building and there was no electricity or telephone service. Headquarters for the CARE relief organization in New York said information it had received to telephone contacts with representatives in Guatemala City and Honduras placed the number of dead in Guatemala City at about 500 and 3,000 others injured, and the casualty toll was still mounting.

Observatory director Jose Vasquez said the first tremor lasted 35 seconds, the last time he had registered a quake of that magnitude being in 1942. (AP)

6 gunmen, one child killed France summons U.N. on school bus seizure

PARIS. — France has asked for a meeting of the U.N. Security Council following the hijacking of a school bus in its Red Sea territory of Afar and Issas and a subsequent brief clash between French units and troops of neighbouring Somalia, the Foreign Ministry announced in Paris last night.

France has also recalled its ambassador from the Somali capital of Mogadishu for consultations, the ministry said.

French troops yesterday stormed the school bus which held 30 young hostages, killing six African nationalist gunmen, the territory's President Ali Araf announced.

One little girl was killed and five children wounded by the terrorists' counter-attack.

A French negotiator said, "We decided we must take the risk after negotiations proved futile and the terrorists again started threatening to cut the children's throats."

Four African nationalists armed with machineguns, who said they belonged to the Liberation Front of Somaliland — the previous name of this tiny but strategic territory on East Africa's coast — seized the school bus on Tuesday as it made its early morning round. The four gunmen held captive for 35 hours 30 French children from 6 to 12 years old and their bus driver.

The nationalists had demanded immediate independence for this territory, and numerous other concessions, in exchange for the children's lives. They had threatened to execute their little hostages by cutting their throats if the demands were not met.

As the French troops fired on the bus, Somali soldiers along the nearby border shot at them. The Somali fire wounded a French lieutenant, while a Somali soldier was killed in the exchange.

The two other "nationalist gunmen" referred to by Araf appeared to belong to a group of exiled officials of the Liberation Front of the Somaliland, the outlawed movement fighting French rule here. The group arrived early yesterday morning from Somalia to join negotiations with their four movement members in the bus.

The attack took place at Loyale, a small desert outpost 12 kms. from Djibouti, where the hijacked bus was stopped by a French military roadblock.

The 30 children and their bus driver sat with their captors all day Tuesday under a broiling desert sun and Tuesday night in the chilly desert air as negotiations remained deadlocked.

Special police marksmen and anti-terrorist police arrived from Paris yesterday morning and the decision to attack was made. The French negotiators made a final offer — the contents have not been disclosed — and then launched the assault.

Christian le Blane, High Commissioner of the territory of Djibouti, said.

"Our marksmen opened fire at precisely the same moment, immediately killing five African nationalists. A sixth was critically wounded but was able to let off a burst of machinegun fire that killed a little girl." (AP, UPI)

Rabin would dispense with US technicians

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U.S. allows trial Concorde jet flights

WASHINGTON. — Transportation Secretary William Coleman yesterday authorized Concorde supersonic transport for 16 months of trial flights to both New York and Washington.

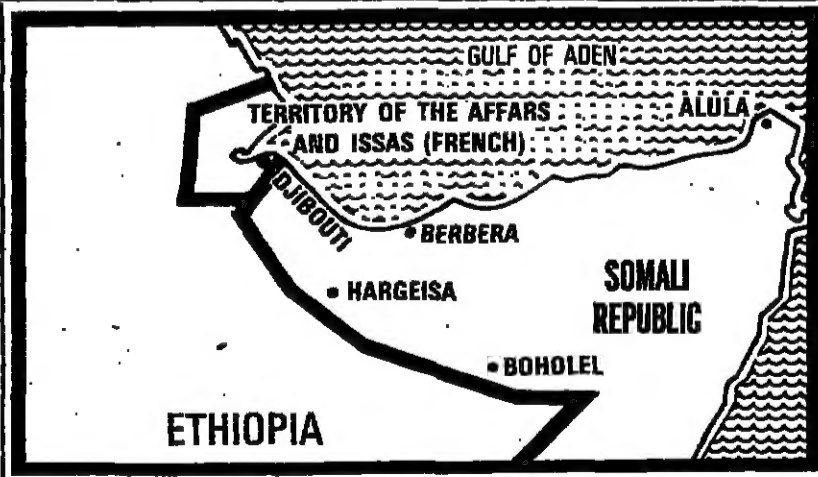
Coleman said each airline would operate two SSTs at New York's Kennedy airport and one SST at Washington's Dulles airport between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. local time. Scheduled commercial flights linking the U.S. with London and Paris would start as soon as late April.

Coleman's ruling alone is all that is needed to permit SST operations at Dulles, a Federal-owned airport.

Coleman's decision was a stunning blow for opponents of the controversial Anglo-French SST. Immediate court challenges appeared certain. Ignoring the compromise expected by SST supporters and opponents alike, Coleman's ruling authorized six Concorde flights a day to the U.S. — the full number sought by British Airways and Air France.

But additional permission must be granted by the New York Federal Authority before the Concorde can land at JFK. Coleman said it would be "extremely unfortunate" if the port authority banned the SST, as some feel might happen because of stiff New York opposition.

Concorde opponents have based their strongest arguments on the SST's noise, saying the thunder of its four engines is four times louder than the loudest subsonic jets and eight times louder than the new quiet jumbo jets. (UPI)



French Communist blast at Israel

JERUSALEM. — French Communist leader Georges Marchais accused Israel of torturing Palestinians and dynamiting their homes, during a speech opening the party's 22nd Congress here yesterday.

The party's 55-year-old secretary-general's main theme was a bitter condemnation of the Soviet Union for crushing individual freedom. (See page 4.)

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Port guards accept stripes; no one left to do the work

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The men of the port guard who were promoted to sergeant as compensation when their work here was taken over by the border police, now refuse to do guard duties. They claim that sergeants are in a supervisory grade and acting as ordinary guards is an affront to their dignity. They were given sergeant's stripes to induce them to move from Haifa Port to Kishon. The men have the full backing of the Labour Council. With their promotion, there are now not enough guards left on the force.

Council Secretary Eliezer Molk yesterday sent a strongly worded letter to the port manager, charging that he was violating

the work contract by deploying the sergeants in the most junior function of guard. He demanded that the order be rescinded pending the report of the parity committee that is soon to be established to review the port guard dispute.

The dispute broke out last Sunday, when the border police took over here and the remaining port guard men were transferred to the Kishon auxiliary port. Most of the men had been retired; only 47 who refused retirement are still left.

Mr. Molk also warned the port manager against "violating the peace in the port" such as he did with his announcement that the port guard must be abolished, following last Sunday's sit-down

strike by the men. The manager said he considered the strike a grave action and unprecedented by men who are members of a police force, in charge of keeping order in the port.

Port spokesman Yair Bar-Mashiah rejected the Council's charges. He noted that, with the promotions, half the remaining men are now officers or sergeants, and if they refuse to take part in guard duties, there are not enough men left. The management did not consider their dignity would be hurt if the sergeants act as "senior guards."

He noted that the management intended to abolish what was left of the force, but by mutual agreement, as most of the men had already been retired or transferred to other vacant port jobs.

THE YUNDEFF BOYS, Menahem, right, and Dov, seen yesterday waiting their return to Germany, in the company of their police escort and vacationing members of the force at the Netanya police rest home near Netanya. Story, page 2.



THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with possibility of rain.
Weather synopsis: Upper trough from Turkey to east Mediterranean causes instability in our region.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	36	6-11	5-9
Golan	65	10-15	10-10
Nahariya	58	10-15	10-10
Safed	77	10-15	10-10
Haifa	77	10-15	10-10
Tiberias	74	10-15	10-10
Nazareth	74	10-15	10-10
Afula	74	10-15	10-10
Shomron	74	10-15	10-10
Tel Aviv	44	10-15	10-10
B-G Airport	16	10-15	10-10
Jericho	29	10-15	10-10
Gaza	29	10-15	10-10
Beersheba	16	10-15	10-10
Eilat	16	10-15	10-10
Tiran	16	10-15	10-10

Social and Personal

Austria's Ambassador to the United Nations, Dr. Peter Jankovitz, yesterday called on Histadrut Secretary-General Yerubam Meshel.

A group of 80 members of the Voluntary Tourist Service — headed by Tony Morgenstern, national president; Miriam Granot, national chairman; and Annelise Goldberg, Jerusalem chairman — yesterday attended a reception held in their honor at the Jewish National Fund head office.

The speaker at today's meeting of the Tel Aviv Rotary Club will be Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Nawi, who will speak on "The Palestinianization of Israel's Arabs" — 1:30 p.m. at the ZOA House.

Yosef Tekoah, president of Ben-Gurion University, will speak at a meeting of the Jerusalem Branch of the Israel Association of University Women, on "Israel and the UN," on Saturday, February 7, 8:30 p.m., at the Van Leer Foundation. Guests are welcome.

Dr. David Kolib of Bar-Ilan University will lecture (in English) on "Israel and Her Arab Neighbors" on the International Scene, 1949-67," at 8:30 tonight, at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv.

New Thai Ambassador presents credentials

The new Ambassador of Thailand, Niphon Wilairat, yesterday presented his letters of credence to President Katzir at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem.

The Government was represented at the ceremony by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

The Police Band played the Israeli and Thai national anthems.

Police to go on barring prayers on Temple Mount

The existing police directives on "maintaining peace and public order" on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem remain in effect — despite a court ruling last week which asserted Jews have a right to pray there — Police Minister Shimon Hillel said yesterday.

Hillel was responding to a query by City Councilor Gershon Salomon, who asked the police to alter its policy in the wake of the court ruling. The police directives, at present, bar organized prayer by Jews on the Temple Mount, apparently in the fear that Moslems' objections will lead to violence.

Hillel relied on a 1970 High Court of Justice ruling, which rejected an application for an order nisi against the Police Minister, saying the Temple Mount was "a special situation," in which political and security considerations had to be included; and it was left up to the Government to "decide on the appropriate steps."

IMPORTS of durable goods reached \$13.2m. in November 1975 — the highest monthly figure since October 1974 — according to figures published yesterday by the Bank of Israel.

Our sympathies to Helen Green
on the death of her

FATHER

Kibbutz Mahanayim

In deep sorrow, we announce the death, after a prolonged illness, of my dear wife, our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

HEDWIG (Hete) NAWRATZKI

who bequeathed her body to science.
Please refrain from visits.

Dr. Curt Nawratzki
Frieda Nawratzki
Amnon and Judith Navar
Reuben and Hannah Navar (Nawratzki)
Judith and David Danino
Deganit, Anat and Michal

We mourn with the family the loss of

JULIUS MODEL

who was always ready with advice and help.

His Closest Friends

In deep sorrow, we announce the untimely death of our dear mother, my sister, our sister-in-law

CHANA ODENTS (née Proger)

who died aged 48.

The funeral will take place today, Thursday, February 5, 1976, at 2:30 p.m. at Holon Cemetery.

We shall meet at the new gate to the cemetery.

Mourners:
Children, Yehuda, Tehila, Moshe
Brother, Herbert Proger and family
Brother and sister-in-law,
Avraham and Malka Odents
Brother and sister-in-law,
Dov and Gilla Odents
Brother and sister-in-law,
Pinhas and Esther Odents
Sister-in-law, Lea Odents, U.S.

הגדל האחרון

Yundeffs resigned to boys' return

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. — The uncles of Menahem (9) and Dov Yundeff (8) conceded yesterday that they had lost the legal battle to keep the boys in Israel and had turned their attention to waging a new battle in Germany over the children's custody.

The boys are expected to be flown to their father in Germany either today or tomorrow, in delayed execution of a year-old High Court order.

The Ben-Artzi's yesterday began examining the means of transferring their dwindling personal resources abroad, both for the legal proceedings and to support their sister Sarah Yundeff's stay in Germany. It is believed they may have to ask for public support in this new legal battle.

Mrs. Yundeff, who three years ago took the boys to Israel during divorce proceedings, has — according

to her relatives — also given up the fight to keep the boys here. She was still with her sons yesterday at the Ne'urim police rest home — despite a High Court order separating Dov and Menahem from their mother. This was issued at the request of the Court Execution Office on the assumption that this might make it easier to carry out the earlier order that the boys be flown to Germany (where a court awarded the father temporary custody).

The children and their mother seemed slightly more relaxed yesterday, the uncles said, having realized that their legal battle in Israel is over. According to Israel Radio, the boys spoke by telephone with their father Yosef Yundeff in Berlin. He told them he was anxiously awaiting their arrival, and they would be happy with him. When asked how he would receive their mother, he reportedly promised he would also welcome her.

Yesterday morning Yosef Ben-Artzi lost a bid to get the execution officer, Judge David Bar-Ophir, to delay execution of the back-to-Germany order. The uncle had promised that if the mother and children were freed he would prepare all three for their trip to Germany and would even accompany them.

The father's lawyer, Dov Yisraeli, yesterday cancelled his application for a High Court injunction which would have ordered El Al to fly Menahem and Dov to their father in Germany. He decided to do this after two justices advised him instead that, should the need arise, he take legal action against any individual pilot who refuses to fly the boys, rather than against the airline.

Army weapons found in East Jerusalem

A sanitation worker early yesterday found two 105mm artillery shells, a bazooka rocket and two anti-tank grenades in a rubbish cart on Ibn el-Walid Street in East Jerusalem.

A police spokesman said the weapons, all of the type used by the IDF, were not primed to go off and were apparently disposed of by someone wishing to get rid of war booty.

Security forces, who are treating the incident seriously due to the fact that the weapons were found in the Arab sector, are looking for whoever left them on the street.

Hospital official held for soliciting bribes

Rachel Pincus, chief housekeeper at Haifa's Rambam Hospital, was remanded in three days' custody Tuesday on suspicion of soliciting bribes from labor contractors who transported cleaning workers to the hospital.

One of the contractors is believed to have been Yisrael Friedman, whose murder on the West Bank last May remains unsolved. Friedman had complained to police about Pincus before his death, but an investigation at the time turned up no incriminating evidence.

Knesset Member Pessah Grupper charged several months ago that Friedman's murder was connected to an extortion ring which demanded kickbacks from those who — like Friedman — transported workers from the occupied territories to their jobs across the Green Line.

Police told the remaining judges they have new evidence against Pincus relating to her activities in 1973/74, and asked that she be jailed until the investigation is completed.

Several other bribery cases are now being dealt with by the courts. In Tel Aviv, Shmuel Kaplan, an army vehicle inspector, and Tel Aviv garage owner Yehoshua Asherov were remanded on Tuesday for 10 days for respectively paying and receiving a bribe.

A police spokesman said the case,

involving illegal payments for assessing damage to military vehicles, may be one of many affecting army drivers and the owners of private garages, and that material handed over to the court may incriminate higher military officials, including a lieutenant colonel.

The Tel Aviv District Court has convicted Transport Ministry official Yossi Levi of attempting to bribe a Peugeot dealer. But sentencing was deferred.

Levi, 40, was indicted last spring together with over a dozen Transport and Defence Ministry officials accused of accepting bribes in exchange for awarding purchase contracts. Levi was convicted of offering to buy 2,000 Peugeot vans for the Defence Ministry in exchange for payment — in foreign currency — from Peugeot's Israel branch manager, Levi denied the charge, claiming that he merely informed the Peugeot manager of the ministry's need for vans, without demanding any payment.

Haifa traffic police sergeant Meir Yehalomli fared better in his court hearing on Tuesday: he was cleared of bribery charges. A resident of Kabuli had claimed to have paid Yehalomli IL600, through a third party, to avoid having his driver's licence revoked after a traffic accident.

Customs sleuth says he knew of cover-ups

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Customs investigator Michael Ofek has charged that upper echelons of the customs department had acted to prevent a raid on a firm managed by the son of Customs and Excise chief David Peled (who is in custody on suspicion of bribe-taking and currency violations).

Ofek, who gave a press conference at Beit Sokolov Tuesday to make his charges, afterward said he himself has been on leave from the customs department's investigations unit since being released after questioning in connection with an alleged customs violation.

In the course of his two-hour press conference, Ofek said the firm managed by Peled's son had ordered several thousands metres of artificial fur from abroad. As the fur was to be used in articles for export,

it was exempted from certain customs duties.

But, he charged, the fur was sold to a Tel Aviv merchant. Customs should therefore have been paid, Ofek said, but orders were handed down not to interfere.

In another instance, an importer of electronic equipment was to have given an account of his inventory after a devaluation. But, Ofek said, he himself was prevented from checking the merchandise after the owner of the firm telephoned another official in the customs investigations unit. The firm's owner was allowed to present the inventory unchecked, he said.

Explaining his own detention by police, Ofek said he was arrested two weeks ago and held for 48 hours on suspicion of having taken a bribe from the manager of the Yutec plant in Ashkelon, Yuzik Alkan.

A spokesman for the department said yesterday that a complaint would be lodged with the police concerning Ofek's use of "secret material." Informed of this, Ofek said, he had preferred to call a press conference rather than send an anonymous letter to the police, as he said so many citizens were doing. He was not using secret material, nor had he taken files out of the customs offices. He was simply telling reporters what was on his mind, he said.



Four hundred irate parents of the 600 pupils of the Carmel school in Behov Emek Refa'im, Jerusalem, vote last night to close the school on Monday if the Health Ministry does not cancel plans to open a clinic for drug addicts near the school. (Sunphot)

Failure to register Haifa lands will be costly, survey finds

By YA'ACOV ARDON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The lack of proper records for municipal real estate worth hundreds of millions of pounds has led to encroachment and abuse which may require the city to compensate veteran squatters, according to a survey by two officials of the city's manpower division.

In 23 tersely worded pages, engineers Ilan Perry and Shalom Aharoni note that the property is not registered either at City Hall or at the Land Registry (Tabu) office. Changes in the status of property are often incorrectly filed, the report claims; and in many cases squatters who have used city land for years can claim to have acquired it through sheer lapse of time.

The municipal administration's introduction, which is not signed by the authority, opens with the observation that "the survey by the Property Department was made at the request of His Honour, Mayor Yerubam Meshel." In fact, however, the investigation went on for many months while the present mayor

was still deputy mayor. It was Yosef Almog who ordered the investigation and set up the property department.

At last night's City Council session, Mayor Zeisel sharply attacked the report. In reply to a motion by Councilor Ze'ev Katz (Likud), he described it as "a vilification of city officials." He said the report called for a thorough study and reply and would be discussed at a forthcoming City Executive meeting. "The report is inaccurate and unrealistic," he said. "No losses are foreseen, no properties are missing. A special official has been at work for some time to have all property recorded in the Land Registry... we know where about 90 per cent of our properties are located."

"It is true that some have not been registered for years, but that is being done now all the time. The report is looking for faults where none exist. I am sorry that I did not see the draft before it was published."

The mayor did not comment on the fact that the introduction credits him for having ordered it.

Central bank won't link tax refunds if loans are unlinked

By GIDION ESHET

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Bank of Israel is blocking implementation of an agreement between Israel and the International Monetary Fund to increase export incentives.

The agreement was that refunds of indirect taxes paid by exporters would be linked to the exchange rate — providing for a larger refund if a devaluation of the pound occurred after the taxes were paid. At present the refund is fixed, and such a change required approval by the IMF.

But, according to economic sources in Jerusalem, after the agreement was made, the Bank of Israel decided once again to push its demand to link the loans made to exporters

to the dollar. This demand had been rejected only a month ago by the Finance Minister, after the Commerce and Industry Ministry raised strong objections.

The central bank, it seems, has decided to refuse to grant the higher refunds until the entire loan issue is reviewed once more. The sources pointed out, however, that it was highly unlikely the Finance Minister would change his mind. The only possible change seen is a rise in the interest rate on such loans, from the present 6 per cent to 10 per cent.

The sources added that unless the higher refunds are introduced at once, the Bank is very little chance of reaching the 11 per cent increase in exports forecast for 1976.

Border settlements to discuss the situation in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA. — The chairmen of the local councils of 11 settlements along the border with Lebanon will meet today to discuss the situation in south Lebanon and its potential dangers.

Some of them said yesterday they were surprised by the statement made by Defence Minister Shimon Peres on Tuesday, that Lebanese troops were moving back into the area. They said they had seen no such movement in the frontier positions across the border.

The first Lebanese to enter Israel officially in three months came through Rosh Hanikra yesterday. She was a Catholic nurse, sister Maria Srayesh, who received a permit for a year's stay at the French Hospital in Nazareth, where she will work as a nurse.

A Catholic nurse who crossed into Lebanon returned here shortly afterward and reported that Lebanese troops had turned her back, since there was no one on hand to handle her papers. They also told her there were no safe means for her travel to Beirut.

Military sources yesterday con-

firmed that the Lebanese army had not yet returned to its forward observation positions, formerly manned by small detachments of soldiers which they had abandoned towards the end of the civil war in Lebanon. However, larger formations of the army which had moved north have returned to base camps in southern Lebanon, as Defence Minister Shimon Peres reported in a radio interview on Tuesday.

The sources had been asked to comment on the apparent contradiction between Peres' statement and the remarks by senior officers, who told foreign correspondents touring the area on Tuesday that the army had not returned to its positions.

The Public Council for the Support of Beate Klarsfeld demanded the immediate release of Serge Klarsfeld, in a telegram to the German Ambassador in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Serge — Beate's husband — was arrested in connection with a kidnapping bid in Frankfurt on Tuesday while petitioning the authorities to take measure against two Nazi war criminals.

The public council has scheduled a protest vigil in front of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tel Aviv.

The Associated Press reported from Cologne yesterday that court authorities said Klarsfeld would stand trial there for attempting to kidnap Kurt Lischka, the former Gestapo chief of Paris.

Man killed by train

TEL AVIV. — Two men were killed yesterday in separate accidents.

Moshe Schechter, 65, of Be'er Brak was run over by a bus on Derech Petah Tikva. In Netanya, an Arab shepherd was killed by a train. The 63-year-old resident of Jenin was hit by the southbound train as he was walking on the tracks some 400 metres north of the Netanya junction.

The report proposes reforms from the bottom up, including hiring contractors for cleaning services.

One of the city's major properties, the Talspiot Market, with its 242 stalls, should be operated not by city staff, but by a contractor, selected by public tender, the report says. The collection of rent, debts and other payments for city property was deficient and should be reorganized, the report suggests.

Danes top Israel footballers, 1-0

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Denmark's international soccer team last night beat a ragged Israeli national side (preparing for the Olympic Games qualifying matches) by 1-0 at Bloomfield Stadium.

The Danish goal was scored in the 68th minute by Mogens Hansen, who sent a snappy first-time shot past Visoker from 6 metres out, after a corner by Malmgren.

Until their late efforts, the Israeli team played a most disappointing game with a great many passes going astray. The side really lacked a Spiegel or Spiegler who could provide fair, original football, and leadership. Uri Malmgren, who had a large following among the 8,000 spectators, showed some neat touches but seemed out of his depth in this company.

The Danes play against Jerusalem Beitar at Bloomfield Stadium, and not in Jerusalem (as previously reported), on Monday, at 6:30 p.m.

Liberzon qualifies by toss of a coin

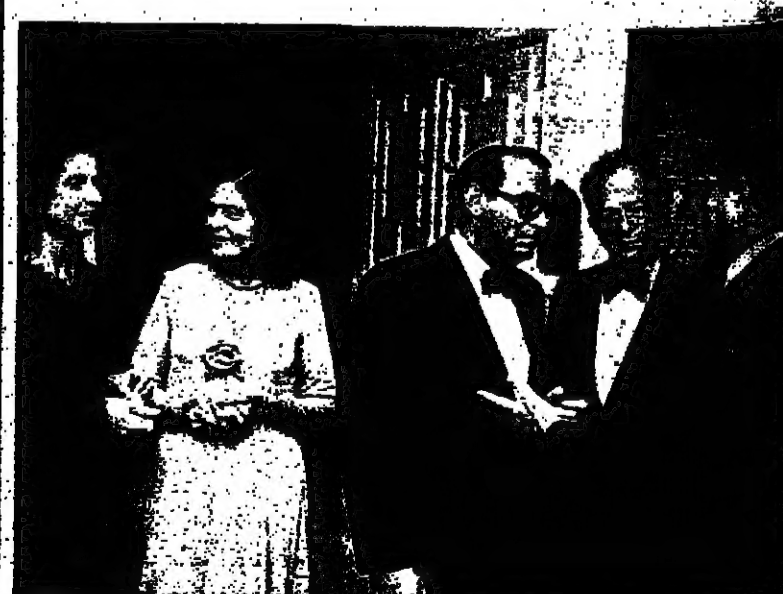
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Israel's chess champion, Vladimir Liberzon, qualified yesterday for the second stage of the world championship — the international tournament — by the toss of a coin.

After eight games, he and opponent Bruno Parma of Yugoslavia were tied with four points each. Exhausted and tense, they agreed to settle the match with a coin — and Liberzon won.

Liberzon, the third Israeli player ever to get past the zonal matches, will play either in the international tournament in Manila, or the one in Switzerland this summer.

Furthermore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait had sent expeditionary forces equipped with Western arms to Syria and Egypt in the Yom Kippur War, he noted, and Syrian expeditionary forces with Western arms were to this day in Syria's Jordan.



Washington social break

In the talks held by Premier Rabin in the U.S., Post correspondent Yoel Bitzer reports on the controversial visit.

Yo'acov Friedler analyzes the troubles of the Maritime shipping empire.

Ana Safadi discusses the careers and personalities of Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Syria's Hafez Assad.

David Landan takes a troubled look at two of Jerusalem's famous pilgrims.

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Robbed bank had bad alarm system

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
MAT GAN. — Neither the windows nor the air conditioner at Barclay's Discount Bank branch, whose deposit boxes were looted over the weekend, were linked to the electronic burglar alarm system.

A police official told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the bank's alarm system was not linked to the windows or the air conditioner — the window through which the thieves entered the building. (After getting their way into the basement vault and rifling 200 safe deposit boxes, the thieves apparently made their way out through a window in a rest room on the bank's second floor.)

The police were yesterday still "stymied" about cracking the case. They said they were working on a new lead, but would not disclose it.

Yesterday the investigating team added over to bank officials the story the thieves had left behind the floor of the safe-deposit vault. The property — including money, jewellery and stock certificates — was valued at several million pounds — filled twenty-six large boxes.

The bank reopened yesterday for the first time since the robbery and was swamped by angry customers who crowded in, yelling and shouting. A police officer, Feked Yitzhak Hageg, climbed up on a chair and tried to calm them by sympathizing with their feelings but noting that it was difficult to prevent robberies. The police spokesman said this helped restore order.

On Tuesday afternoon, some 200 of the bank's robbed clients gathered in a flat at 77 Rehov Bialik here to decide what steps to take against the bank — which has so far disclaimed all responsibility for the financial losses suffered by the safe-deposit box users.

Zvi Avrahami, one of the five members of a committee elected by the participants, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the committee will over the next few days be registering names and trying to determine the extent of the losses.

Avrahami said he had been in touch with a number of lawyers who claimed that the bank had both a moral and a legal responsibility to reimburse clients who had suffered by the theft.

Tnuva plans mass distribution centres

By YITZHAK OKED

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
L. AVIV. — The Tnuva produce-marketing cooperative will set up its own large produce distribution centres in the major cities to replace the "middleman's cut," general manager Yitzhak Landman announced here yesterday at a meeting of the Tnuva Council.

He said the middleman problem is severe in Israel because of the "imitative" retail system, which sells "substandard" produce at inflated prices. Cutting out the steps between producer and consumer, he hoped, would reduce prices.

Landman said the plan for distribution centres has the full backing of the Government and the Knesset. Tnuva is now seeking a 40-acre plot in Tel Aviv for the first centre, and estimates the cost of the enterprise at IL40m. The company will consult a foreign firm on setting up these centres, Landman said.

The general manager said fines imposed on Tnuva, especially for defective dairy products, had been unjustly harsh. He said laws should be changed to take into consideration unavoidable failures in mass production. "We are talking about production of more than a billion units each year — and you cannot reach a zero defect level."

Landman also criticized the system of paying sales tax on the components of Tnuva packaging. The plastic cups and foil covers for milk products, for instance, account for 25 per cent of the retail price. He proposed that taxes on packaging materials be abolished for popular-priced items.

Golda praises Georgian Jews

By SARAH HONIG

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
L. AVIV. — Former Prime Minister Golda Meir yesterday lauded the Georgian Jews for "hardly dropping out en route to Israel or later emigrating from this country." She was speaking at a conference to announce that she will be designated as Georgian Jewry Month.

Meir noted that Georgian immigrants are among the most misunderstood groups in Israel. They were sent to Israel for many decades, she said — a fact which "proves the unity of the Jewish people and attests to a saga whose educational we cannot be over-estimated."

recalled the letter from 18 Georgian families which she had read aloud in the Knesset in 1969 and which was one of the first signs of the Zionist awakening of recent years in the USSR. She said it was one of the most important Zionist documents, which "should be read by anyone who wishes to know what our ties to this land are."

A Georgian immigrant, Paula Baazov presented Meir with a book about her father, Rabbi David Baazov, and her brother, Herzl, who were among the foremost Zionists in Georgia during the first decades of the century. Both were arrested during the Stalinist purges of 1938, exiled to Siberia and sentenced to death. The father escaped execution,

but Herzl Baazov was put to death at the age of 33, as an "imperialist agent." Only in the 1960s was his name officially "rehabilitated" and his many writings published again.

(Meir heads a recently established public council for the commemoration of the Baazovs.)

During Georgian Jewry Month, rallies will be held in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, schoolchildren will be taught about the Jews of Georgia and the Baazov family, who will also be featured on radio and television programmes.

Reporters were told yesterday that more Georgian Jews than exist in Georgia according to official Soviet statistics have asked for invitations from relatives in Israel, the first step in the immigration process. The Soviet claim that in 1971 there were no more than 65,000 Jews in Georgia, but since then there have been 61,000 individual aliyah applications, Georgian Jewish sources claim there were 80,000 Jews in Georgia in the late 1960s. More than 25,000 Georgian Jews have come to Israel since 1969, comprising almost one-fourth of the immigration from the USSR in recent years.

Economically, Georgian Jews are better off than other Soviet Jews and suffer less from anti-Semitism. Most of their children continue to receive some form of Jewish education even under the Communist regime. They formerly resisted the closure of synagogues, and about one-half of all synagogues in the USSR today are to be found in Georgia.

Today immigration from Georgia is more difficult than it was only a few years ago, when many Georgian Jews owned private property and sold it before leaving for Israel. Today most immigrants must give up the bulk of their property before coming here.



Emblem of Pilgrimage Year

out. But the ministry hopes to enlist more than 30,000 such families throughout the country.

BID TO BLOCK COLOUR TV

NEF SARID (Alignment) warned in the Education Committee yesterday that he would organize a "majority" majority prohibiting Broadcasting Authority from making preparations for colour television if it does not drop the idea within Israel can't afford colour for 10 years at least, Sarid said.

DISCRIMINATION by the Tel Aviv Municipality against employees aged at the age of 50 or over, by giving them pension rights, was raised by Hillel Seidel (ILP) yesterday in a parliamentary question directed to Interior Minister Yosef

DOWERS would be entitled to receive the pension funds accrued by their late wives, under a bill by Yehoshua Ben-Zvi, under private member's bill tabled yesterday. The existing law entitles widows to inherit their late husbands' pensions, but deprives widows of the parallel right.

HOUSE SPEAKER Yisrael Yeshanu asked Attorney-General Aharon Barak yesterday for an opinion on the demand of Zalman Shoval (Kud) that Labour and Mapam no more monthly party financial allocations because they violated law by getting money raised in America from the Histadrut treasuries.

EMPLOYEES' PENSION rights will be fully guaranteed, even though employers failed to deposit the requisite payments in the pension funds, under a new amendment to

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the Wages Protection Law tabled by Moshe Wertheim and Shoshana Arbell (Alignment) yesterday.

BIG RESERVES of empty flats earmarked for immigrants are available in development areas, the Labour Committee noted yesterday in a series of recommendations on the subject. Convenient rental arrangements are provided for young couples wishing to move to development areas, the committee said.

REAL ESTATE registered under the name of a company would be transferable tax free to the name of the person owning it, and the company liquidated, under a private member's bill by Yehoshua Ben-Zvi, tabled yesterday. The Finance Committee yesterday, Flumin explained that people registered flats or plots in the names of companies — specially formed for that purpose at one time — for technical reasons which no longer exist.

MINIMUM WAGE laws presented yesterday as private member's bills by Yoram Aridor (Likud) and Boaz Moav (GRM) were struck off the agenda yesterday, after Labour Minister Moshe Baran persuaded the House that the fixing of minimum wages was best left to the collective agreements negotiated by the Histadrut. Jacques Amir (Alignment) abstained, while Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) voted against the Government.

OLD ACRE should be transformed into a city of tourists and holiday-makers, the Labour Committee resolved yesterday. The present residents should be given new homes in the vicinity.

COINS & MEDALS Corp. director-general Yitzhak Avni will give the corporation back the medals given him by the board of directors, board chairman Mordechai Surkis told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday. The previous board chairman, Azmo Maoz, will also return the gold medal which he bought at a great discount, Surkis said.

NORTH AFRICAN Jewry's history will be given its due place in the history syllabus, Education Minister Aharon Yadin promised Jacques Amir (Alignment), in reply to his motion for the agenda yesterday. A history textbook by Dr. Ephraim Shmueli, which glossed over North African Jewry, will be withdrawn as of next year, Yadin announced. Amir complained that the few references in other textbooks to North African Jewry depicted the community in a false light as having been barren culturally and spiritually.

SHORT-WAVE radio broadcasts from Israel to the Americas can only resume if and when wage arrangements are negotiated with the studio technicians regarding night shifts, Education Minister Aharon Yadin told Michael Harish (Alignment) yesterday, replying to his motion for the agenda. Even then, Yadin cautioned, the only funding available as yet is a Jewish Agency allocation for 30 minutes of broadcasts to Latin America.



The site of the former Zion Cinema in downtown Jerusalem — now an unofficial rubbish dump. The cinema was wrecked two years ago as part of an urban renewal project. (Eliyahu Harari)

Gov't to make up half of towns' new deficits

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Finance and Interior Ministers and the Union of Local Authorities have worked out a formula for dealing with the municipal deficits expected during the next fiscal year. But they have yet to agree about what to do in regard to current deficits, union officials said yesterday.

The two sides met in Jerusalem on Tuesday and agreed that Israel's local authorities may face a deficit of IL400m. in the 1976/77 fiscal year. This is based on an Interior Ministry estimate that the authorities' budgets will total IL6,500m., and that — with an average rise of 80 per cent in rates and business tax — the towns will be able to raise IL2,000m. of this on their own.

The IL400m. deficit is what will remain of the difference after the authorities have been reimbursed by the various Government ministries for supplying such mandatory services as education, welfare, health and road construction. Under the formula worked out between the two sides, the Interior Ministry will make up half of this sum — IL200m. Another IL200m. will be added to city coffers by intensifying tax-collection, and another IL200m. will be saved by municipal belt-tightening.

(The cities will get the IL200m. from the Interior Ministry only if they balance their budgets and do not deviate from Government economic policies. They must not increase wages, hire more employees, or take loans on the private money market.)

However, Union of Local Authorities sources have already cast doubt on their members' ability to raise meaningful sums either by intensifying tax collection or by cutting their expenses in a period of spiralling inflation. Moreover, there are cities — such as Tel Aviv — which refuse to raise their rates by more than 40 per cent.

Moreover, all this leaves unsolved the problem of the estimated IL375m. deficit accumulated by the local authorities this year. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz has declared that the current fiscal year is a closed book as far as he is concerned, and that the cities will not get another agora for it. Interior Minister Yosef Burg, however, disagrees. He says he does not see how the cities will manage next year if they are to be burdened by deficits carried over from the 1975/76 fiscal year. Dr. Burg plans to bring the matter up for discussion in the Cabinet.

Education Ministry workers slow down

By ERMIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Administrative personnel at the Education Ministry yesterday started a "specific slowdown" strike, those received by workers in the Finance Ministry's income tax department.

The administrators held a protest meeting at the Education Ministry yesterday morning at which they declared a labour dispute. Their spokesman, Rami Ran, said that the "progressive sanctions" were likely to paralyse most operations of the Ministry within three days.

The Education Ministry personnel are joined in their struggle by colleagues at five other ministries — Finance, Labour, Interior, Absorption and Labour.

Education Minister Aharon Yadin yesterday deplored the fact that the workers started sanctions with-

out first discussing their claims with him. He said that three days ago he had suggested a meeting, but that the workers had told him they could not arrange it in time. A meeting was then set for tomorrow, Yadin said, but the workers nevertheless started sanctions.

Ministry officials say that the workers have no right to take sanctions without the approval of the Civil Servants Union — which they did not secure. The moment this approval is given, the ministry proposes setting up a parity committee to arbitrate the dispute, the officials say.

The Civil Servants Union last night sent a telegram to the Education Ministry staffs, asking them to stop their sanctions. The telegram read in part: "We support your struggle, but labour sanctions are against our declared policy. We call on you to stop all sanctions, since they do not advance your cause."

HALF OF AMERICAN ARMS NOW COMING IN U.S. SHIPS

HAIFA. — The U.S. authorities have started implementing their decision to ship in American vessels up to one half of the military hardware supplied to Israel under U.S. grants, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday. The new arrangements came into force on January 1, and Israel was informed of them several months earlier.

In the past only relatively small quantities of the arms shipped to Israel arrived in U.S. vessels, most coming instead in Zim freighters. The shipments — extremely lucrative for the shipping companies, due to the high rates paid — will now

be shared by American Export Lines, which runs a regular freight service to Israel.

Under the U.S. Foreign Aid Bill, 60 per cent of goods sent abroad in the form of aid must be sent in U.S. flag vessels, to give employment to American merchant ships and seamen. This clause was not observed for the arms shipments for a variety of reasons, including security.

TRIPLETS were born yesterday at Assaf Harofeh hospital in Tzrifin to Memi Parnes of Givatayim. This was the first birth for the mother, who had been treated for infertility.

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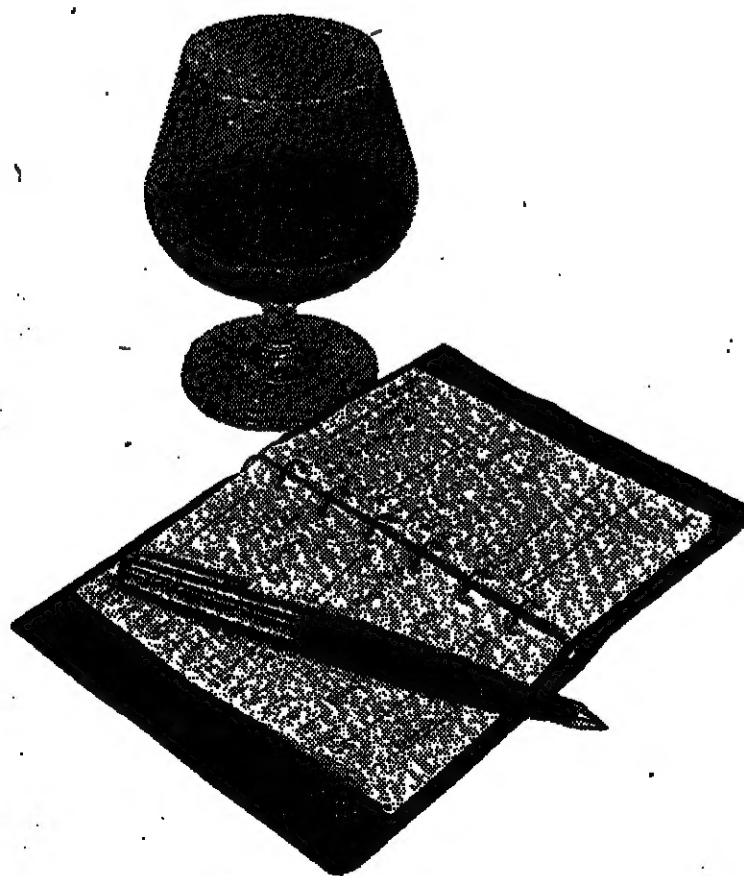
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French Communists hit Soviet repression

PARIS. — French Communist Leader Georges Marchais opened his party's 22nd congress yesterday with a stinging attack on the Soviet Union for repression of individual freedoms.

"We cannot agree to the Communist ideal being stained by unjust and unjustified acts," he said. "Such acts are in no way a necessary consequence of socialism."

Underlining his party's recent shift away from Moscow towards an independent French line, Marchais also called for an extension of Communist work in France beyond the working class to other levels of society.

He spoke for more than four hours in a wide-ranging declaration launching the Congress, a meeting which could have a considerable impact on the left wing political scene throughout Western Europe.

Frequently applauded by 1,700 delegates, predominantly young and including many women, the 55-year-old Communist chief balanced his attack on the Soviet Union with a denunciation of the West's current record on political freedom.

Marchais expressed strong reservations about his party's alliance with the French Socialists — but said the partnership was indispensable in the fight for true socialism in France.

His criticism of Soviet political repression came one day after a press conference given here by dissident Soviet mathematician Leonid Plyushch, who was detained for two and a half years in a Ukraine mental asylum.

With representatives of all world

Communist parties except those of China and Albania, and including Andrei Kirilenko, secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet party and a close associate of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, he said, "The France of today is not the Russia of 1917 or the Czechoslovakia of 1948. No party or group of parties can legislate for the others, propose universal recipes, or define an exemplary strategy."

"It is thus inevitable, it is good, that we follow an independent line of struggle to achieve socialism," Marchais said to applause. He asked the French party delegates to instruct the Central Committee to amend the party statutes to eliminate references to the "dictatorship of the proletariat."

The French party is conducting a major campaign for increased personal liberties in France to be enshrined in a sort of French bill of rights, has attacked imprisonment of dissidents in the Soviet Union and supported the recent campaign for the release of Plyushch.

Referring to the Communists' joint electoral action with the Socialists and other non-Communist leftist parties in France that came close to victory in the 1974 presidential elections, Marchais said the Communists formed an important part of the struggle, had "a directing influence" but "no administrative character whatsoever" and "is not equivalent to a monopoly."

The working class must take its place among other strata of society in the struggle towards socialism, Marchais said.

(Reuters, AP)



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin talks to Joy Heston, wife of actor Charlton Heston, at a "Salute to Israel" party in Beverly Hills, California, on Tuesday night. Mrs. James Stewart listens at the left. (AP radiophoto)

Winter Olympics opens in Innsbruck

INNSBRUCK. — The 12th Winter Olympics opened yesterday against a background of white Alpine peaks, Tyrolean horns and police security cordons so tight that several spectators fainted when they were jammed against a protective fence.

A covey of green and blue balloons lifted into the air as the Austrian President, Rudolf Kirchschläger, declared the games open.

The Olympic flame rose brightly in the afternoon mist that had settled over the Innsbruck Valley and its stadium out into the mountains.

The fear of terrorist attack led to the security checks and a confusing crush trying to get into the stadium, with thousands of spectators jammed into a narrow ramp. Soldiers lifted a woman in a long coat over the heads of the crowd in the stadium after she was overcome. An ambulance which picked her up inside the grounds was barely able to leave.

As trumpeters played a fanfare, Sapporo's Mayor Takeshi Itagaki passed the Olympic flag to Innsbruck Mayor Alois Lugger. Sapporo was the site of the 1972 winter games.

Following a three-gun salute fired by an Austrian army howitzer battery, a flock of carrier-pigeons were let loose from their cages carrying the message: "Olympic flame arrived in Innsbruck Bergisel Stadium on February 4, 1976, 3 p.m."

On this one, Olympic torch bearer Josef Feistmantl, a 1964 Austrian gold medalist, jogged into the stadium wearing a red training suit. He ignited a wide-mouthed, shallow urn symbolizing the 1976 games.

Austrian Education Minister Fred Sinowatz, President of the Innsbruck Organizing Committee, began his welcoming address and then ran into trouble with the microphone. He drew laughter from the crowd when he repeated a line in his speech that "technical perfection was not our sole aim."

After brief remarks by Lord Kiliani, President of the International Olympic Committee, Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschläger rose and declared in a firm voice at 2.15 p.m. GMT: "I declare the 1976 12th Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck open."

(AP)

Work starts on making Suez Canal larger

SUEZ. — Work began yesterday on the first stage of a massive project to deepen and widen the Suez Canal, allowing the passage of super-tankers.

At a ground-breaking ceremony here at the southern end of the 160 kms. waterway, representatives of the Tokyo-based Suez Canal Construction Company said the first stage should be completed in three years.

Estimated to cost about \$68m, the first phase of the extension pro-

gramme would allow the transit through the canal of 150,000-ton tankers fully loaded, company president Tetsutaro Mizuno said.

The chairman of the Suez Canal Authority, Masrour Ahmed Masrour, said 6,291 ships had used the canal since it reopened last June. Last month, 1,167 ships passed through the waterway.

The average of 29 ships a day since the reopening is just under half the average daily traffic before the waterway's closure by the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Last month's average daily traffic was 30. A Canal Authority spokesman said in Port Said yesterday that a record 56 ships went through the canal yesterday.

Navigation in the canal was stopped on Tuesday by a violent sandstorm.

Egypt awarded the contract for implementation of the project to Penta because it was the lowest of five bidders, who included American and Belgian firms.

The project will increase permissible ship draft from the present 23 feet (7.15 metres) to 53 feet (16 metres), thereby allowing transit by ships of up to 150,000 tons fully loaded and about 300,000 tons in ballast, according to canal officials.

This is the first phase of a two-stage development programme. In the second, the officials said, it is hoped to have ships with a draft of 67 feet (20 metres) to travel through the waterway.

(Reuters, UPI)

India delays lower house elections

NEW DELHI. — The lower house of the Indian Parliament voted yesterday to give itself an extra year in office, postponing national elections at the urging of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government for the first time since independence.

The government asked for the unprecedented one-year delay in parliamentary elections "so that all-round stability and continued progress is ensured" under Gandhi's national emergency.

The house voted 165 to 20 in favour of the government bill, after Law Minister B.R. Gokhale defended the continuation of the state of emergency declared last June and the postponement of elections.

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RABIN IN HOLLYWOOD

Henry the comedian takes top award

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

HOLLYWOOD. — Nearing the end of his U.S. tour, Prime Minister Rabin was treated by the entertainment capital on Tuesday night to a 1,200-guest banquet which included more celebrities than show up for the Academy Awards, and which featured Henry Kissinger in the role of unscheduled comedian.

Kissinger's humour was in such good form, in fact, that Rabin, during his speech, quipped: "The world of entertainment lost a great talent when Dr. Kissinger decided to turn to Harvard instead of Hollywood."

When Kissinger stumbled on his way to the microphone, master-of-ceremonies Frank Sinatra said the Secretary of State was "beginning to act like President Ford." (Ford was the object of jokes in Hollywood after taking several falls in front of news cameras, in the past.)

Kissinger retorted: "In Washington I don't usually follow such a talent — but I am accustomed to standing before professionals who are watching my timing, and trying to get my Harvard accent straight."

The Secretary had some barbs for Rabin as well. "We have the silent understanding of old friends," he said, adding, "Silence is not a somebody's hand."

quality for which Israelis are known.

"Israel is a country of three million people and six million opinions. The Israeli press is a wild bunch of individuals with common bond of paranoia. If the Prime Minister and I agree they will say he betrayed Israel. If I say we disagree — which is unlikely — I will be accused of betraying Israel."

One of Kissinger's jokes, which evoked a roar of laughter from the guests, was: "As you know, I have been cited for contempt of Congress. However, I want it known I spent seven years in Washington concealing my contempt for Congress."

Diana Ross, one of the stars providing the entertainment for the evening, sang, "Reach out and touch somebody's hand, and make this world a better place." She went out among the audience, touching hands and giving the microphone to the guests so they could join in the singing.

Kissinger was her first target at the banquet — and after some hesitation he sounded a line of the song with his thick bass. Then came Rabin's turn, but the Premier refused. Diana Ross, insisting, said if he could not sing he should recite the line — and after much persuasion, Rabin finally murmured "...touch somebody's hand."

GLANCE AT THE WORLD

Bergman suspected of tax fraud

STOCKHOLM. — Film director Ingmar Bergman has been admitted to a hospital after a nervous breakdown, the Stockholm Royal Dramatic Theatre announced yesterday. Friends said he had the breakdown after authorities notified him he was suspected of tax fraud.

Legal proceedings will be brought against Bergman during the next few days, prosecuting attorney Curt Drefeldt said. Bergman is accused of failing to report \$113,000 in income on his 1971 tax return and channelling the money into a company he owned in Switzerland.

The Swedish director was rehearsing a Strindberg play at the Royal Dramatic Theatre last Friday when he was taken into police custody. Interrogated for five hours and ordered not to leave Stockholm. Police said the prosecution have been forced to act quickly because tax crimes committed in 1971 cannot be prosecuted after February 15. If the suspect is not legally notified of the suspicions before that date he goes free.

(AP)

Poll for 'Democratic Cambodia'

BANGKOK. — Cambodians will vote on March 30 for a 250-member legislative assembly which will be the Communist-controlled country's supreme body, Radio Phnom Penh announced yesterday.

The radio said the date for the first election since the Khmer Rouge victory last April over the American-backed regime of Marshal Lon Nol had been fixed by the government of "democratic Cambodia."

Under a new constitution announced a month ago, the People's Representative Assembly will be responsible for legislation, defining internal and foreign policy, choosing the government and appointing a state president, the body which appears designated to fill the functions of head of state.

(Reuters)

Bid to murder Bokassa

PARIS. — President Jean Bedel Bokassa of the Central African Republic narrowly escaped death in an assassination attempt in Bangui, the country's capital, and thwarted an abortive plot aimed at ending his 10 year iron-fisted rule, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The said an unknown assassin threw a grenade at the 53-year-old Marshal-President on Tuesday at the airfield, but a bodyguard knocked Bokassa to the ground and protected him with his body. The grenade explosion killed a presidential aide, diplomatic sources said.

(UPI)

10 die in New York fire

NEW YORK. — A fire sent poisonous fumes through an apartment house here early yesterday, killing 10 persons, seven of them children, and hospitalizing 10 others. Thirty families were driven out into freezing weather.

The blaze in the six-storey building apparently began shortly after midnight in an overstuffed chair in a first-floor rear apartment. The fire was brought under control after more than two hours.

At the height of the scramble to flee the building, neighbours heaped bulging plastic garbage bags onto the sidewalk to cushion the fall of children jumping from windows. The bodies of two children were found on the first floor. Eight other bodies, including those of five children, were found in a rear apartment on the sixth floor. Four were found huddled together.

(AP)

Zaire gov't reshuffled

KINSHASA. — President Mobutu yesterday reshuffled his government and the political bureau of his ruling Popular Revolutionary Movement party.

After consecutive meetings of the two bodies, the national news agency AZAP announced the Political Bureau membership had been reduced from 32 to 19. All outgoing members will start on a diplomatic career "so as to disseminate Mobutism abroad," AZAP said.

The remaining 19 bureau members will have to "study the major problems facing Zaire," every one of them having been given a precise task, the announcement said.

(Reuters)

Mercenaries said fighting MPLA

LONDON. — The Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) is claiming significant numbers of foreign white mercenaries have appeared alongside its enemies in the country's civil war, a British correspondent reported yesterday.

Jane Berglund of the "Financial Times" said MPLA military sources claimed the mercenaries were recruited in the U.S. and Western Europe and have joined the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) in the north and the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (UNITA) in the south.

Meanwhile, she said, the Benguela rail head port of Lobito appears to be a no-man's land, and the MPLA "is meeting thickly-spaced mine fields in its advance into the ports unofficially reported evacuated by UNITA."

MPLA ordered a three-man British commercial television team out of the capital of Luanda on Tuesday night. On Monday the MPLA had expelled the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent. The reason for the latest expulsions was not known.

However, Nicholas Ashford, reporting from Luanda for "The Times," said the three TV men were detained on Tuesday while filming the arrival of Cuban soldiers and military equipment at Luanda port. After being held for several hours they were taken under house arrest at their hotel and were due to be deported yesterday, he said.

Martin Bell, a reporter for BBC television, was shown on British television screens on Tuesday night moving around in Luanda. At the docks he was pictured against a background of ships unloading Soviet and Cuban equipment, including a Russian tank. Cuban army trucks towing artillery were filmed driving through the streets and cigar-chomping Cubans with holsters were shown striding and loquacious in the city. The Cubans looked smart in uniform and mostly undisturbed by the cameras.

Over the border from Angola in Luanda, Zambia, the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent reported that the MPLA advance into the land of UNITA-held territory stalled, if only temporarily, as the Marxist forces were finding it more difficult to sustain their lengthening lines of supply. He said reports from Luanda that UNITA still fully in control of Angola's biggest port, Lobito, also is the terminus of the Benguela railway.

In Moscow, Marshal Andrei Grechko, the Soviet Defence Minister, has called the MPLA to report new successes in the war, it was reported yesterday.

"Soviet servicemen send internal greetings and wishes of success to the People's Army of Angola for the Liberation of Angola, who are waging a courageous struggle against foreign aggression and internal reaction for the homeland's freedom and integrity by UNITA."

Meanwhile the U.S. Defence Department has expressed its wish to see the UNITA-FNLA alliance to the civil war as an American ally. It said the U.S. could supply planes and ships can have access to airfields and ports in Angola.

This U.S. stake in Angola was stated for the first time Tuesday by Deputy Defence Secretary Robert Ellsworth. But he told Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Africa that at this point it would take more than a year to ensure that Angolan fighting friendly to the U.S. could achieve even a statement in their war with the Soviet-backed MPLA.

Yesterday, South African Defence Minister P. W. Botha said that his country still has between 4,000 and 5,000 troops inside Angola, patrolling areas from the Atlantic coast to the Zambian border.

In an interview reported by "Johannesburg Star," Botha said South Africa was ready to withdraw from the Angolan conflict as it was satisfied Portugal's former colony will not be used to overrun South West Africa (Namibia).

He said the depth of the occupation by South African troops extended to 50 kms inside Angola but he admitted they had been much deeper and with "much more" (AP, UPI)

Algiers quiet on Cairo mediation efforts

ALGER. — Algeria remained silent yesterday on an Egyptian initiative for the Algerian and Moroccan foreign ministers to visit Cairo for talks leading to an eventual summit on the western Sahara.

The Egyptian proposal, reported by the Middle East News Agency (MENA), has not been published in the Algerian press and there has been no indication so far here of the outcome of the visits of Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, who has had four rounds of talks with President Houari Boumedienne.

The Algerian News Agency reported that the Vice-President held three meetings with King Hassan but these meetings in Morocco have not been reported in Algeria.

The Algerian press had said that any attempt to find a compromise which did not fully take into account the wishes and rights of the Saharans was bound to fail.

The semi-official daily "El Moudjahid" yesterday carried as its headline for a commentary on the future visit to the area of Olaf Rydbeck, Sweden's UN representative: "The valid interlocutor — the Polisario Front."

None of the Arab envoys have come to Algeria since the battle in the Sahara between Algerian and Moroccan troops last week has been reported meeting Polisario representatives.

The commentary in "El Moudjahid" said the argument that the Sahara was not viable as a state because of its small population — estimated by Spanish sources at about 75,000 — was refuted by the fact that countries as small as the UN.

Rydbeck yesterday began his mission as Secretary-General of the UN's special representative in the dispute over the western Sahara. Although appointed to make arrangements for the people of the phosphate-rich territory to exercise their right to self-determination, his present trip is expected to be a fact-finding tour.

He began his projected two-week trip in Spain, but does not intend to visit Morocco, Mauritania or Algeria, the three countries most directly involved in the dispute.

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Putting ballet into 'the box'

DANCE
DORA SOWDEN

WITH THE increasing popularity of ballet, more and more has been televised. Yet the question of whether ballet is really transferable to the box has not been entirely answered. If wrongly filmed, television ballet may easily destroy public interest. So much depends on how the director handles the work and which works he actually selects.

Since he came here from Britain eight years ago, Paul Salinger has been a freelance director of television ballet and is now televising two new ballets: "Sweet Ignorance" and "In Darkness Falls Upon Us," both danced by the Israel Classical Ballet. He is also working on children's ballets for the public programme, collaborating with three choreographers from the Bat Dor Studios (Liora Kendric, Siki Gol and Sheila Levy). In the past he has filmed a number of Bat Dor ballets, including "And After..."

As a Sagan creation, which drew a great deal of praise in Sweden, filming ballet for television, or indeed, any screen, is not just a matter of transferring it from the stage to celluloid. This is, in fact, the most successful method. So Paul Salinger works mostly in film studios. But that is only the beginning of the story and the problems.

"In the theatre," he explains, "the audience has chosen to attend. In



Paul Salinger at the camera.

television, the film director makes the choice of what you see; he decides what the cameras focus on. There are ballets, Salinger points out, that are simply not transferable to the screen, mostly classical ballets where the whole view must be held "from the tips of the fingers to the tips of the toes." If the meaning is to come through, yet keeping the camera fixed at the full view would dim the emphasis and become dull.

MODERN BALLETS, however, lend themselves much more to television treatment. There is a greater choice of what to concentrate on, what to give as a long shot, what as close-up, what to dissolve and superimpose and what to "shoot straight." The film director in effect becomes involved with the choreography.

"For instance," Salinger says, "when two dancers are far apart and it is necessary to show them both together, one has to close the space between them." For filming, the director may have to decide on a

diagonal line for what on stage may have been intended as a front view. Thus, part of the director's job is to interpret.

Paul Salinger admits that the camera can misinterpret. It can exaggerate elevation, over-emphasize underplay. Yet if the film director is creative, this can be an enhancement rather than a distortion. A BBC cameraman for seven years, Paul Salinger did much ballet filming there, working with Margaret Dale, the noted producer. "If you want to make successful television ballet programmes you've got to understand dance," is his simple prescription.

Ideally, he says, ballet should be created specifically for television — with the choreographer and film director consulting and creating together. He and Moshe Efrati worked for nine months on a ballet that was entered for the Italia Prize. Though it did not win anything, the experience itself was rewarding. Efrati understood the medium and Salinger understood the dance.

One of those beguiling romantic comedies

A telephone Bess (Zafon, Tel Aviv) is a bitter-sweet romantic comedy of the beguiling type that only the French studios seem to make nowadays and the late Edouard Molinaro has given it the light, crisp direction it requires.

The story, written by Francis Weber who was the scenario-writer for Molinaro's "L'Emmerdeur," concerns the meeting of a man and a woman from two different epochs. Casteljac (Pierre Mondy), the paternalistic owner of a factory in the provinces, still has one foot in the 19th century. Christine (Mireille Darc), a cool and realistic young woman of today, is a call girl not only because she makes a lot of money that way but also because she has the work. Sentiment is foreign to her.

A big American company is negotiating to take over the factory, which is not doing too well, and to put Casteljac into a yielding frame of mind, their public relations man introduces him to Christine "to help him pass his time pleasantly in Paris," saying she is his niece. The naive Casteljac takes the whole affair at face value and is not only proud of his "conquest" but falls in love with the alluring young lady. It is a crazy session that disrupts his hitherto conventional life.

AT THE CINEMA

Some attempt is made to say something about labour and management relations and big business methods of operation but these points are treated lightly.

Mireille Darc makes a very charming and seductive call girl while Pierre Mondy gives full-blooded life to his role and the smaller parts — Michel Lonsdale as the head of the American company, Daniel Ceccaldi as the P.R.O. and Francoise Prevost as Casteljac's wife — are well played. It is by no means an important film but it passes an hour or so pleasantly.

What (Chen, Tel Aviv). At the check post of the Berlin Wall a group of Americans await the arrival of Dr. Martino, a top American physicist who had been dreadfully injured in a car smash while attending a conference in East Germany. After months of intensive medical treatment he is being returned. It is a frightening figure that crosses the border, a sort of metal man. The face and skull form a metal void, featureless except for an artificial mouth, ears and recesses through

which his own eyes gleam. The body and one arm appear to be made of metal too. But he can talk and move normally, and apparently his brain functions.

F.B.I. agent Rogers (Elliot Gould), is suspicious of the whole set-up, especially since Martino was working on a very secret project and insists that he be kept under strict surveillance until his identity is established beyond doubt.

Most of the film is taken up with interrogations of Martino himself and of the various people with whom he had contact. The F.B.I. enquiry is intercut with scenes from the sojourn in East Germany with Trevor Howard and a very English Russian colonel trying to exploit the possibilities of the situation. The result is that the film is far too talky for a would-be thriller and in general the pace is rather sluggish, while the ending, though unexpected, is anti-climactic.

Elliot Gould puts up a very poor performance, almost amateurish. The make-up man did a fine job and Joseph Bova in spite of all the armour is quite impressive as the unfortunate physicist. Jack Gold directed from a screenplay by John Gould based on a novel by Algis Budrys.

S.W.



DRESSED in traditional Moroccan Jewish costumes, a group of ladies last week prepared and presented Moroccan Jewish delicacies as part of a series of folklore evenings conducted by ZOA House in Tel Aviv.

A most interesting programme

SOCCER PREVIEW PAUL KOHN

place in the league table, are now only three points behind Tel Aviv Maccabi in 5th spot. There is little in it in the defences of the two sides, but Maccabi's forwards have scored seven more goals than Hapoel. Maccabi have been erratic, some weeks playing like champions and at other times as last Saturday, when losing 0:2 in Petah Tikva, showing very mediocre form. There is not likely to be much in it after 90 minutes play though a narrow Maccabi win looks on the cards.

Netanya Maccabi were surprisingly beaten in Hadera last week, but their previous form at home was impressive, scoring 11 goals in three games. The result of their game against Kfar Saba depends on what form Spiegler, Machness, Lavie and co. produce. If they play as against Beersheba Hapoel whom they trounced 4:1, then they must be strong favourites to win again. An off-form display will enable Shum and Travess to get grip of the game for the visitors.

Second-placed Jerusalem Betar visit Hadera and will hope to fare better there than Netanya Maccabi did last week. Hadera Hapoel are not an easy side to beat on their home ground, but Jerusalem Betar have scored more goals than any side in the league (29) and appear to have the edge in attack. Hadera Hapoel have scored only 12 goals in 17 games.

Haifa Hapoel appear likely to

return to winning ways against Jaffa Maccabi. The Hattaites, who were top of the league only a couple of weeks ago, seem to have lost their goal-getting touch in their most recent games and will have to improve to remain championship contestants. Ramat Amidar Maccabi, struggling to get off the bottom rung, travel to Petah Tikva Maccabi. The Petah Tikva side, after a fine start to the season, have not played well in recent weeks, but still look strong enough to win this game at home, though Ramat Amidar have collected three points from their last two games.

No one managed to mark correctly all 13 games on last week's Sportoto football pool, bringing the minimum prize money after this Saturday's games to IL2.5m, including IL4.5m as first prize money. Some 60 people who got 12 results right will each win IL6,000, eleven results will collect IL457 and ten getting IL67. A total of IL4.5m. was invested in the pool last week, but this figure is likely to be well surpassed this week because of the bigger prize money possibilities.

Sportoto Guide:

Netanya Maccabi v Kfar Saba Hapoel 1
Haifa Hapoel v Jaffa Maccabi 1
Petah Tikva Mac. v Ramat Amidar Mac. 1
Hadera Hapoel v Jerusalem Betar 2
Tel Aviv Maccabi v Tel Aviv Hapoel 1
Shimonon v Tel Aviv Betar 1
Jerusalem Hapoel v Beersheba Hapoel 1
Hakoah v Petah Tikva Hapoel 1
Be'er Yehuda v Haifa Maccabi 2
Ashdod Hapoel v Yabud Hapoel 2
Ramat Betar v Shaarayim Maccabi 2
Tiberias Hapoel v Netanya Betar 1
Nahariya Hapoel v Netanya Hapoel 1

The diet numbers game

FIGURE IT OUT / JUDIE ORON

months of all the foods we so crave. Furthermore, anyone who has accumulated excess weight has done so precisely because he or she has been unable to stop eating high-calorie foods. To expect that misguided person to do so, perhaps forever, is unrealistic in the extreme.

WHAT I AM suggesting is a new kind of "balanced" eating that begins with an awareness of the exact caloric content of each food, and results in a sensible compromise between foods consumed for gratification, and those necessary for our bodies. This involves work — learning the calorie tables by heart, writing things down, and weighing the ingredients of the dishes we

prepare. The rewards — not only will you be losing weight, but you will also be "allowed" many foods which you thought were forbidden.

What's the most fattening thing you can think of? — a piece of cheesecake? Three hundred calories. Even if you have occasionally broken your diet, simply incorporate the forbidden food into your daily total and eat low calorie foods for the rest of the day.

How can you assess the number of calories you may consume daily in order to reduce at a reasonable pace? Conservatives estimate the amount at 33 calories daily for every kilo of your desired weight. (Be reasonable about your desired weight). Thus, a woman 5'2" tall,

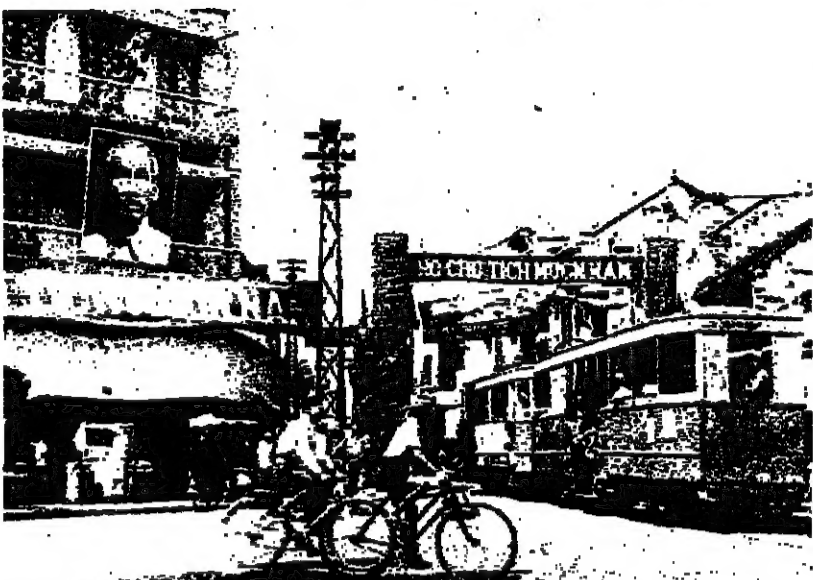
between the ages 18-35 who wants to weigh 50 kilo (110 lbs.), should consume 1650 (50 kilo x 33 calories) calories per day to eventually reach her ideal weight. In my own experience, this figure is too high. If you find, however, that you are not losing steadily after two weeks, reduce your daily intake by 100-200 calories. On no account should you reduce your intake drastically without consulting your doctor.

YOU MAY APPORTION your calorie allowance differently every day, to allow for variations in schedule and in hunger patterns. Some basic rules, however, must be adhered to. Eat a large portion of fresh vegetables daily; at least one citrus fruit or tomato daily; a generous portion of meat, fish, eggs and/or cheese must be an important part of your diet every day.

In the next diet column, we will tackle the problem of cooking a main meal which is inexpensive, tasty, and low in calories.

Tourists are beginning to trickle into war-ravaged North Vietnam. Some go as ideological sympathizers, others as sightseers, like Swedish student Gote Fox, who writes here of his impressions.

A tourist in Hanoi



HANOI: Bicycles, ancient tram cars and posters of Ho Chi Minh.

next few months. Large maps show an undivided Vietnam with no borders or distinction of any sort between North and South.

The years of American bombing have left many scars, marks on buildings, craters, twisted steel on bridges and railways. Not one large factory that we saw has escaped damage and not all are being repaired. Haiphong and the coal-mining town of Hon Gay are still suffering from the effects of the war; in

Haiphong damage to the port makes unloading very slow.

Technical backwardness also slows the operation of the port. The trains are steam-powered and slow, coastal traffic goes in sailing ships, the roads are bad and there is a shortage of machinery.

A Swedish builder praised the hard work of the people but said conflicts between the Asian and European way of working, plus technical problems with things such as

transport, had caused some irritation at his construction site for a paper factory.

Despite massive aid from abroad, mainly from the Communist countries (according to our guide this is the only way for a developing country to build socialism without passing through a 150-year capitalist phase), industrial progress is slow. The country must devote energy to growing "unnecessary" products, such as peanuts, for export to earn foreign exchange to buy machinery.

Agriculture is the base of the economy. Some 95 per cent of peasants work in cooperatives, which are trying to introduce cottage industry to become more self-sufficient. Lacking machines and chemical fertilizer, the farmers must make the most of what is available to increase agricultural production. One way is crop rotation, for example to alternate two crops of rice and one of potatoes, the potatoes going to feed pigs whose manure provides natural fertilizer for the rice.

Political education is considered particularly important in the countryside since peasants tend to be conservative. The cooperatives aim to make the peasants "proletarian" and to lessen the differences between factory workers in the towns and people in the country.

Despite the heavy Russian influence, the Vietnamese want to stay neutral in the ideological conflict between Russia and China. They say it damages world socialism and plays into imperialist hands. Western claims that Hanoi takes the Soviet side are denied. If they are true it is because the Vietnamese need the Soviet Union as a counterweight to their giant neighbour and because Vietnam leans on Russia's heavier industrial capacity for its reconstruction after 30 years of war. (OFNS)

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Bonds still falling

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Bank of Israel gain had to move in yesterday to support the price of index-linked bonds. There were especially heavy sales of 10-year redemption bonds about IL3,500,000 (nominal value). The turnover in bonds was IL18,000,000.

Stocks continued to fall. The General Index of Share Prices fell 1.25 per cent to stand at 123.27.

Delek, down 2 points to 156.800; Delek, down 5 to 156.800; ILDC bearer fell by 2 to 156.800; Rascos preferred, down 4 to 156.800; Shemen, down 7 to 118.5

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Land Dev. Corp.	221	228
Solot Bond-3 1/2 pref.	128	132
Property & Building	178	178
Maadira	137	137
I.C.P. Citrus	311	302
Anglo-Israel Investors	261.5	261.5
West Africa	119.5	121.5
P.O. Ltd.	246	246
Rascos - 8% pref.	123	127
Rascos	73.5	74
INDUSTRIAL		
Alkermes - B	635	635
Alkermes - 2 1/2	124	124
Electra - B	121	121
Arganum - 8%	209.5	209.5
Electra - B	110.5	110.5
Teva	120	120
Elect. Wire & Cable	106	106
Chem. & Phosphates	1220	1210
Levin Eps. 8% pref.	107	107
Moller Textiles	155.5	155.5
Pharmacia-8% pref.	88	88
Paper Mills	185	185
Nechemia 8% pref.	185	185
Shemen - 8% pref.	118.5	118.5
Shemen	106	104.5
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES		
Elpar	112	112
Elpar	148	148
Israel Central Trade	125	125
Hapoel	198	198
Wolfson - IL10	160.5	164.5
Ampe	118	118
Discount	180.5	180.5
United Israel	110	110
Leumi	189.5	191
Piryon	186	186
Elashta	110	110
Report	94.5	96
Chem. Industries	290	290
FUEL & OIL		
Naphtha OTC	599	599
Lapidot OTC	579	571

FALL STREET: Closing Tues., February 3, 1976

Profit-taking continues

NEW YORK. — The stock market is mixed again on Tuesday as it continued to struggle against profit-taking. Trading was heavy. The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrial stocks was down two points 1/2 an hour before the close, while the New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

Analysts noted some encouragement over a continued flow of bright quarterly earnings reports. But there also appeared to be some uneasiness over the interest rate outlook, with rates having fallen off lately after a pronounced downturn through most of January.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrial stocks, on the minus side for most of the day, managed to finish with a 1.26 gain at 972.61.

Advances outnumbered declines by about a 9 to 5 margin among New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

Volume reached 34.08 million shares, against 24 million on Monday when a winter storm in New York curtailed activity.

The exchange's composite index gained 0.21 to 58.80.

Alcoa Inc.	20 1/2	Chesapeake	28 1/2	Genesco	8 1/2	Miles Lab.	29 1/2	Singer Co.	14 1/2
Alcoa Al.	20 1/2	Chrysler	14 1/2	Getty Co.	17 1/2	Miles M.	29 1/2	Smith Barney	8 1/2
Alcoa Al.	20 1/2	Citigroup	14 1/2	Getty Co.	17 1/2	Monogram	7 1/2	South Ry.	8 1/2
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BUSINESS BRIEF

TOTAL REVENUES of consumer tobacco, which rose about 14 per cent in chain stores increased in durability the increase was moderate — only one per cent, said the spokesman of the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Families protest housing development

By YAAQOV ARDON

HAIFA. — Some 170 families, residents of Rehov Einstein on Mt. Carmel, appeared before the district town planning commission on Tuesday to object to a proposed IL450m residential development project to be constructed close to their homes.

The project has already been approved by the local town planning commission. It has granted the promoters the right to build more than double the 42 per cent floor space which an outline plan lays down for the quiet residential area, south of the Ahuva centre.

At a press conference, residents' action committee members Baruch Aspis and Zivia Dolev explained that the City Hall had told potential buyers of homes in Rehov Einstein that houses in the street below Rehov Einstein would be no higher than three floors on pillars so the fine view would not be blocked. They also assured the buyers that the residential, low-density character of the area would be preserved under the new outline plan (completed in 1967, but not yet formally approved).

But in 1972, a group of three land developers (Tiran Co., Sharm Co., and a foreign investor) bought up a large number of building plots in Rehov Einstein, to form a 38-dunam tract. They submitted a project to build three long blocks of four storeys each, separated by four 12-storey towers, making a total of 325 homes. The plan would block the view of the sea and the Zebulun Plain to most Rehov Einstein residents, raise population density and affect the quality of life in the entire area.

"The high-rise buildings would mean the expropriation of the view we now enjoy in favour of the promoters and the buyers of their homes, and this with the support of City Hall. Furthermore, cars for 325 families would shatter the quiet and pollute the air," two residents charged.

The residents' committee commissioned Dr. Danny Shefer, town-planning, senior lecturer at the Technion and head of its urban and regional studies centre, to prepare a professional study of the Hanika plan. Shefer, himself a Rehov Einstein resident, said the project ran counter to all rules of good planning, and would harm the neighbourhood and the city. He suspected that the city officials and the town planning commission members failed to closely examine the promoters' facts and figures. Traffic would be snarled up, especially at nearby Horev Square junction, already overloaded and dangerous. Parking space was insufficient, he added, and the noise would become unreasonably heavy. Moreover, space for a kindergarten was on the wrong side of the road, requiring children to cross a busy thoroughfare. Dr. Shefer recommended that the district commission ask the city to prepare a study on the project's possible impact on the environment and the quality of life in the area. He scoffed at the city commission's claim that the project was distinguished by its "special architectural rhythm and character."

The residents' committee attorney, Eliezer Flehman, said that if the building authorities would not veto the project, he would appeal to the High Court and, as a last resort, claim damages from the city for each of some 200 home owners for the loss of value of their homes.

City councillor Yehuda Azrieli (M.R.P.) proposed at Tuesday's Council session that the project be reconsidered in the light of its poorer features.

His motion was struck off the agenda on the grounds that the plans were being discussed by the district town-planning committee. On Monday this committee held what amounted to a mass meeting with residents to hear their objections, and for that purpose hired the Town Hall. Each side stated its case. It will take several weeks until the district committee hands down its verdict.

TAX REVENUES in January, 1976 totalled IL2,326m, as compared to IL2,105m. in January, 1975, while revenues in the period April, 1975-January totalled IL24,081m, compared to IL17,627 last year.

OF ALL THE tasks undertaken by the State of Israel oil prospecting has proved to be the most challenging and least rewarding. The Abu Rodels fields, recently handed over to the Egyptians, provided more than one-half of the country's needs. Now, only a small fraction of the current annual consumption of 6.9 million tons of oil is supplied from sources within the country.

For the last 20 years, in periods of peace, the purchase of oil from outside sources has not posed any difficulty.

However, the last two wars have aptly demonstrated the ease with which Israel's enemies have been able to establish and maintain effective blockades of ports receiving oil. The Bab-el-Mandeb blockade dispelled any doubts about what will happen to oil supplies in the event of another war. And it is just this practical consideration which motivates that intensification of effort towards discovery of new oil supplies within Israel and the enlarging of storage capability.

In June 1973 the Board of Directors of the Israel Institute of Petroleum and Energy appointed Professor A. Ginsburg to prepare a study of all activities in the field covering the period 1956-1973. Professor Ginsburg was further asked to prepare a master plan for the next three to five years. The report concluded that oil exists in Israel and followed through with the recommendations that a roof company be established to coordinate all oil activities, and that a separate company be set up to carry out drilling.

At the end of 1974 the Government commenced implementation of the report. The Hana Company (Hebrew initials for Hapasey, oil, exploration) was set up and made responsible for all oil prospecting activities. The already existing Lapidot Company was to carry out the drilling activities decided on by Hana and a budgetary allocation of IL250m. was set aside for this purpose.

(Charges that the conduct of the oil search was lackadaisical prior to 1974, were levelled against Zvi Dinstein, then Deputy Finance Minister and now oil adviser to the Government, in the Knesset Economics Committee on Tuesday.)

Dr. Aluf (res.) Y. Laor, who was appointed to coordinate exploration activities, enlisted outside participation, and under his leadership, Paz, Delek, and Sonol each apportioned part of their profits for exploration. The American Beico company, founded by a Polish Jew, also joined in the common effort, and up to this date has invested more than \$15m. in oil exploration within Israel. Other foreign prospectors included Canadian, German and English investors.

YET TO THIS day the search has proved fruitless. As Menachem Chen, Managing Director of the Israel Institute of Petroleum and Energy, pointed out: "Even the oil brought out of the Heletz field back in 1957 was not the result of our own exploration. The British began the work as far back as 1936," he added ruefully.

Even listening to Mr. Chen's description of current exploration efforts, one is imbued by his firm conviction that oil in commercial quantities will eventually be found.

'Car insurance during bus strike didn't cost very much'

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The blanket insurance covering private drivers who carried passengers during the Egged bus strike will probably cost the Government very little. It was arranged that all claims arising during the emergency would be paid out of the Karmit fund, which would be reimbursed directly by the Treasury. Insurance Commissioner Ya'acov Pickler said on Tuesday.

Dr. Pickler was unable to say whether any claims had been made under the blanket coverage. He pointed out that it sometimes takes months till such claims are prepared and presented. But, he added, "I don't believe serious damage arose during the strike, most of it may amount to a few million pounds."

During the Yom Kippur War the Transport Ministry for a few days extended blanket insurance for private drivers under a similar arrangement. No claims were filed then, Dr. Pickler recalled.

The Transport Ministry had budgeted funds to buy insurance for the duration of the strike. (The eight-day strike ended last Thursday.) At Dr. Pickler's suggestion, however, the matter was settled simply through an exchange of letters between the ministry and his office, which is part of the Finance Ministry.

At commercial rates the global coverage of private drivers responding to the Transport Minister's call

to pick up passengers during the strike would have cost a very large sum, insurance experts say. They did not volunteer an estimate of what the cost per day would have been.

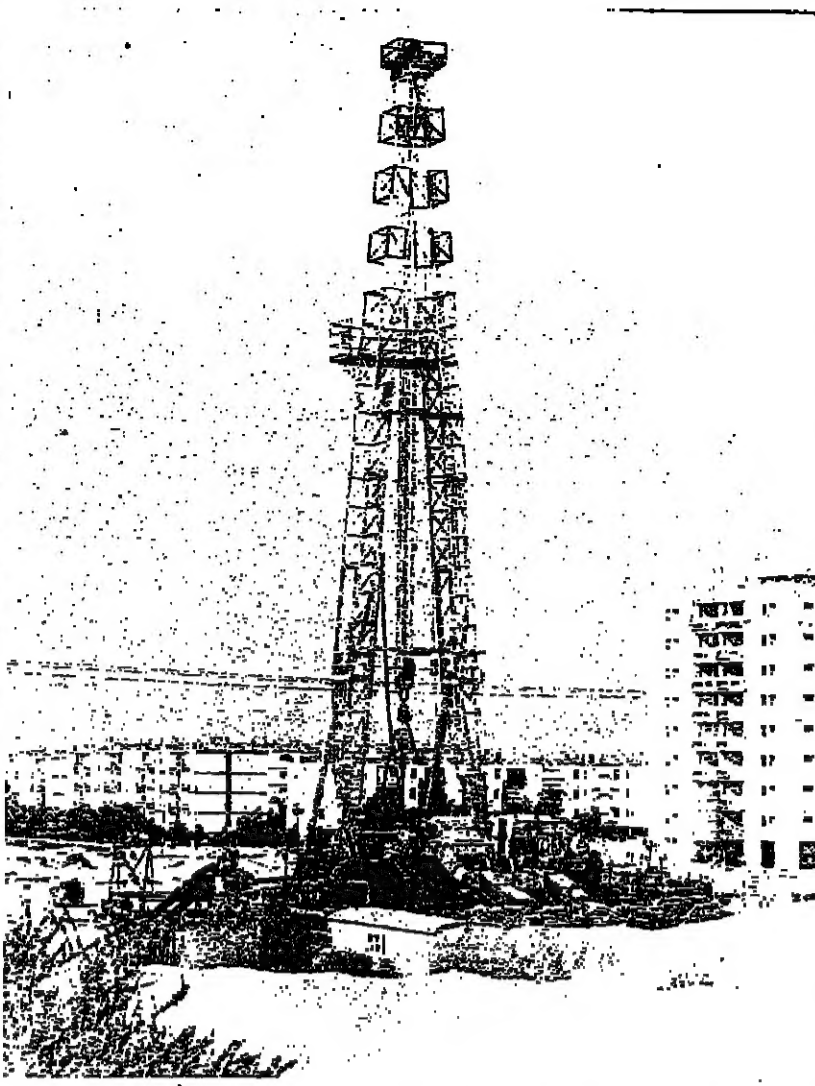
The Karmit fund was established about 10 years ago to cover damage caused by hit-and-run or uninsured drivers. It is fed by an 0.8 per cent contribution by all insurance companies on the car insurance premiums they collect. With over IL500m. paid annually in insurance premiums, Karmit has ample reserves.

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More drilling...and deeper Oil prospects

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN / TEL AVIV



A deep-level oil drilling rig towers over apartment blocks in an Ashdod suburb.

As a result of extensive geological research it has only recently been suggested that due to Israel's peculiar geological strata oil could be found only at depths in excess of 6,000 metres. Prior to this, drilling was generally abandoned at depths of 2,500-3,000 metres. Lapidot recently purchased specialized equipment from the U.S. which is capable of drilling 6,500 metres, and a crew of American specialists have been employed to run the new equipment. Present drilling sites are located in the Negev, Northern Sinai and the Galilee.

The connection between oil and bitumen deposits has long been recognized. As the latter are particularly common in the Dead Sea area, extensive research is being conducted there.

As part of the overall exploration plan, preparations have also been made to undertake offshore exploration.

The specialized platforms used for this purpose are presently on the way here. Test sites will eventually cover offshore locations from Rosh Hanikra to Ashkelon, and some 25 leases have already been issued to both local and foreign concerns. These exploration leases are granted for an initial period of three years, with an extension option for an additional four years.

A key exploration point is at Atur, between Sharm e-Sheikh and Abu Rodels. The drilling site is in an area once held by the Egyptians, and initial geological reports appeared favourable.

AS EXPLORATION proceeds, a great amount of research is being expended on alternative sources of energy. The Tadiran company, for instance, expects within the next four years to market an air-conditioning device for small and medium sized

homes which will utilize solar energy. The company has already achieved commercial success in the area of solar energy utilization and is one of the foremost suppliers of electrical equipment which utilizes solar energy in charging batteries used in tactical communications equipment. Then, of course, there is the rooftop solar heater, used to supplement hot water supply, by now a familiar sight to every Israeli.

An electric station utilizing coal is now being planned for Hadera. The economics of using coal do not quite justify the project, but the availability of coal was rather the major consideration. Research has also been undertaken to study the possibilities of utilizing peat, most commonly found in the Hula Valley, as an alternative source of energy.

Channelling atomic energy to create electricity for industrial and consumer use is being considered and it is quite possible that one or two atomic power stations will be operative in the early 1980s. Furthermore, a joint American-Israeli research project may lead to the construction of what may prove to be the largest atomic desalination plant in the world, but cost and environmental factors have delayed the implementation of this project.

LASTLY, it must not be forgotten that second in importance only to the actual discovery of oil is its proper storage. Among the many false bulwarks emanating from the Arabs at the outset of the Six Day War was an announcement that the oil storage tanks in Haifa had been set aflame.

Sensitive to the fact that a successful air strike could easily destroy the country's oil supply — which is stored in steel tanks above ground — the Technical Services department of the Israel Institute of Petroleum undertook an exhaustive study to determine the feasibility of underground storage of crude oil or its products. The report, entitled "Possibilities of Underground Storage of Crude Oil in Israel" and authored by L. Kofman and A. Flexer, indeed concluded that "underground oil storages could be built in Israel, and that due to local political and economic conditions this solution may present many advantages over the conventional storage."

Some of the advantages include: saving of space; small evaporation losses; reduced danger of fire; smaller investment costs for large storages; lower maintenance and operational costs; imperviousness to bombing; and, lastly, the reduction of dangers of the pollution of water resources by oil. The practicability of underground storage has been proved in Sweden, which, for security reasons, was the first to build an underground storage system. The list of users includes France, Germany and South Africa.

OIL CONSUMPTION projections indicate that by 1979 Israel's requirements for crude oil will reach nine million tons per year. It is anyone's guess whether these needs will be met as a result of successful oil exploration programmes, substitute forms of energy or a combination of both. It is clear, however, that no effort is being spared to arrive at alternative solutions to what is generally considered as one of Israel's most critical economic problems of our time.

Big drought losses seen in south

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Field crops in hundreds of thousands of dunams south of Rehovot will be written off as a total loss unless "considerable quantities" of rain — at least 50 mm. — fall within the next few days, a spokesman for the Agriculture Ministry said yesterday.

He said more than 380,000 dunams of these crops — grains, fodder, and pulse — depend entirely on rain, in addition to some 300,000 dunams farmed by Beduin in the Negev. Only some 120,000 dunams are irrigated crops — but irrigation had to be stepped up to save them also, because of the dry spell.

Menahem Bar-Daroma, head of

the Ministry's Field Crops Division, said the damage will affect spring planting as well, since if the soil is dry the seeds will not sprout properly. He noted that the effects of the dry season, worst in the south, are also beginning to be felt in the north — especially the eastern part of the Jezreel Valley and the lower Galilee.

FOREIGN CURRENCY RATES FOR 4.2.76			
Official Exchange Rates (transfers and cheques)			
	Purchase	Sale	
U.S. Dollar	7.2400	7.2450	
Sterling	14.6139	14.7732	
Rands	8.2934	8.4093	
Swiss Fr.	2.77574	2.80566	
French Fr.	1.61373	1.63192	
Dutch Fl.	2.70806	2.73362	
DM	2.79861	13.2592	

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	Dollar	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
Dollar	2.0302/07	per %	
DM	2.5740/30	per %	
Swiss Fr.	2.5930/45	per %	
Libre	763.5/766	per %	
Belgian Fr.	39.14/15	per %	
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CAPITAL NOTES	10,000,000	10,000,000	45,500,000	SECURITIES	41,810,000	57,550,000	58,070,000
DEPOSITS AND OTHER ACCOUNTS	1,636,570,000	2,524,540,000	3,689,190,000	LOANS AND OTHER ACCOUNTS	725,090,000	1,173,990,000	1,938,630,000
LIABILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF CUSTOMERS	108,450,000	207,870,000	245,340,000	BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT	6,640,000	7,900,000	9,120,000
	1,781,540,000	2,774,410,000	4,022,330,000	LIABILITIES OF CUSTOMERS	108,450,000	207,870,000	245,340,000
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